

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 858 - SB 736

March 13, 2011

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes the chief executive of the largest city within an urbanized area to develop a comprehensive hospital sign plan. This plan shall be an exception to the general prohibition on directional signs for hospitals within an urbanized area and must comply with the Department of Transportation's (TDOT) Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices. An urbanized area is defined as any county with a population greater than 100,000 according to the most recent federal census. Requires TDOT to review the plan and promulgate rules and regulations.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- The legislation is permissive in that it authorizes certain cities to develop a hospital sign plan if they so choose.
- The bill will impact the largest city in each of 11 Tennessee counties: Blount, Washington, Williamson, Sumner, Montgomery, Sullivan, Rutherford, Hamilton, Knox, Davidson and Shelby.
- According to TDOT, these municipalities currently do not have a hospital sign plan in place.
- For purposes of this bill, the municipalities will develop a plan in-house in consultation with the affected hospital(s) at no additional local cost.
- Once the plan is developed and approved by TDOT, the cost of all hospital signage will be paid by the affected hospital(s) and erected by TDOT in accordance with state and federal guidelines.
- The department can review the plans and promulgate rules and regulations within existing resources.

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CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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James W. White, Executive Director

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